

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/073,850	LI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to RCE filed 4/17/2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13-20, and 23-26 (renumbered 1-21).
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 4/17/2006 has been entered. Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, and 18 have been amended, claims 7, 12, 21, and 22 have been canceled, and claim 26 has been added. Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13-20, and 23-26 remain pending and have been fully considered by the examiner.

Response to Amendments/Arguments

2. Applicant's amendment has overcome the objection to the specification. Also, the cancellation of claim 22 has obviated the rejection of that claim under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Therefore, the objection and the rejection are withdrawn.
3. Applicant's arguments, see pages 13 and 15, filed 4/17/2006, with respect to the rejection of independent claims 1, 10, and 14 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 1-4 and 6-25 have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13-20, and 23-26 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The cited prior art taken alone or in combination fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations:

displaying a plurality of runtime information items in a first hyperbolic tree...

generating a second hyperbolic tree...

generating a linking graph as a third hyperbolic tree that links said first hyperbolic tree and said second hyperbolic tree...

at least one of said third nodes ... correspond[ing] with the one first node;

at least another one of the third nodes ... correspond[ing] with the one second node.

Similar limitations are present in each of independent claims 1, 10, and 14. The distinctions provided by the independent claims apply equally to all dependent claims. Thus all pending claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13-20, and 23-26 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

U.S. Patent No. 5,590,250 to Lamping et al. discloses the display of data using hyperbolic graphs. See column 2 lines 24-40.

U.S. Patent No. 6,266,805 to Nwana et al. discloses the use of unique identifiers to display joint graphs that are linked by tasks. See column 38 lines 37-53.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Derek Rutten whose telephone number is (571) 272-3703. The examiner can normally be reached on T-Th 6:00-6:30, F 6:00-10:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached on (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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